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REMARKS

Following entry of the above amendment, claims 4-12, 14-21, 35, and 37-62 will be pending. Claims 10-12, 18, and 20 stand withdrawn from consideration as drawn to non-elected species, although rejoinder of these claims is requested below. Claims 1-3 and 13 have been canceled. Claims 4, 6, and 15 have been re-written in independent form, without intended change in scope. Claims 5, 14, 21, 37-39, 61, and 62 have been amended to depend upon allowable claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

The indication that claims 35 and 40-60 are allowed is noted with appreciation. Claims 37-39 have amended to depend upon allowed claim 35, as opposed to previously canceled claim 36, thereby obviating the reason for the rejection of claims 37-39 under 25 USC 112, second paragraph. Claims 37-39 are also thereby in condition for allowance as well.

The indication that claims 4, 6-9, 15, 17, and 19 constitute allowable subject matter is noted with appreciation. As indicated above claims 4, 6, and 15 have been re-written in independent form, thereby placing claims 4, 6-9, 15, 17, and 19 in condition for allowance.

In addition, claims 5 and 61 have been amended to depend upon allowable claim 4, and claims 14, 21, and 62 have been amended to depend upon allowable claim 15. These amendments place claims 5, 14, 16, 21, 61, and 62 into condition for allowance.

Rejoinder of Withdrawn Claims

As noted above, claims 10-12, 18, and 20 currently stand withdrawn from consideration. However, claims 10-12 depend directly or indirectly upon allowable claim 6, and claims 18 and 20 depend directly or indirectly upon allowable claim 15. Therefore, claims 10-12, 18, and 20 are allowable as well, and rejoinder of claims 10-12, 18, and 20 is therefore requested.

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Conclusion

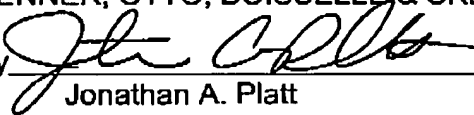
In view of the foregoing, withdrawal of rejections is respectfully requested, in which case the application would be in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Authorization is given to charge \$86.00 to Deposit Account No. 18-0988 (Charge No. ERICP329USA) for the presentation of an additional independent claim. In the event any additional fees are due in connection with the filing of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 18-0988 (Charge No. ERICP329USA).

Respectfully submitted,
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